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MONROE AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 02-01

SUBJECT: PRACTICE INSTRUMENT APPROACHES

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The procedures stated in this letter have been in effect since September 1, 1972. The purpose of this letter is to refresh pilots on the procedures being applied for handling IFR and VFR practice instrument approaches at Monroe, Bastrop, Ruston, Rayville, and Jonesboro Airports.

Practice approaches conducted by VFR aircraft not on an IFR flight plan will be instructed to maintain VFR. This will serve to remind the pilot that even though ATC is providing IFR type instructions, the pilot is responsible for compliance with the applicable FAR's governing VFR flight. VFR aircraft are not authorized to execute the published missed approach procedures. Controllers will provide separation throughout the approach, but will not provide separation during the missed approach unless specifically requested by the pilot and approved by the controller.

Practice approaches conducted by aircraft on an IFR or "local IFR" flight plan will be provided standard IFR separation until the aircraft lands, flight is terminated, or pilot cancels flight plan. Controllers will provide separation throughout the approach and missed approach. IFR aircraft conducting multiple approaches are expected to execute the published missed approach unless alternate instructions are received from the controller.

To ensure that practice instrument approaches do not disrupt the flow of arriving and departing IFR and VFR aircraft, it may be necessary at times to suspend practice approaches temporarily. However, a minimum delay to traffic may be appropriated at other times to allow an aircraft practicing an approach to complete the approach. The controller has the prerogative of authorizing, withdrawing authorizations, or refusing practice approaches, as traffic conditions require. This prerogative will normally not be used to terminate a practice approach in progress.

Aircraft desiring to practice instrument approaches to the above airports should contact Monroe Approach Control west of Monroe Airport on frequency 126.9 or east of Monroe Airport on frequency 118.15.

Additional information or details may be obtained from the Aeronautical Information Manual or by contacting this facility. Your continued cooperation in making these procedures work is appreciated.

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on file in the facility."

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